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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, IR  
SUBJ: GOI DISCOURAGEMENT OF DISSIDENT POLITICAL ACTION

REF: STATE 110017

1. I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER AMOUZEGAR AFTERNOON MAY 14 TO DISCUSS CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST NATIONAL FRONT DISSIDENTS BY "UNDERGROUND REVENGE COMMITTEE". I REMINDED AMOUZEGAR OF OUR EARLIER DISCUSSION OF HIS PLAN TO MOBILIZE "SILENT MAJORITY" AND MY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS EFFORT SHOULD NOT DEGENERATE INTO STRONG-ARM TACTICS.

2. I SAID THAT PATTERN OF EVENTS WAS SUCH THAT THE BOMBINGS AND BEATINGS SEEMED TO HAVE TOLERANCE OF GOVERNMENT. IN FACT, THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WAS THAT THEY WERE THE WORK OF SAVAK. I SUGGESTED THAT THESE ACTIONS WERE NOT ONLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, BUT CONTRARY TO ASSURANCES HE HAD GIVEN ME ABOUT VIOLENCE.

3. AMOUZEGAR SAID THAT HE SHARED MY VIEW THAT THE BOMBINGS AND BEATINGS WERE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND HAD SERIOUSLY DAMAGED IRAN'S REPUTATION ABROAD. HE SAID THE "UNDERGROUND REVENGE COMMITTEE" WAS NOT PART OF HIS SILENT MAJORITY. HE HAD ASKED THE JUSTICE MINISTRY TO INVESTIGATE THEM AND HAD INSTRUCTED THE INFORMATION MINISTRY TO CONDEMN THEM.

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HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THEY WERE NOT RPT NOT SAVAK, BUT HE WAS AT A LOSS TO SAY WHO THEY WERE. HE SAID HIS EFFORTS TO APPREHEND THEM WERE CONTINUING.

4. COMMENT: I THINK AMOUZEGAR IS PROBABLY SINCERE IN HIS PROTESTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE HAS HAD THE PRESS SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE BOMBINGS AND BEATINGS. NONE HAS OCCURRED FOR

SEVERAL DAYS. WE SHALL OBSERVE TO LEARN WHETHER THE CAMPAIGN  
IS FINISHED.  
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